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BRITISH BUILD-UP

## — BIGGEST AND MOST SIGNIFICANT BUILD-UP SINCE KOREAN WAR —

For the last few weeks we have witnessed the greatest concentration of British military strength in Southeast Asia. On January 8th, 1965 the British Prime Minister Harold Wilson revealed in London that "there are now 50 thousands British troops in "Malaysia", including 10,000 in Borneo". Since then, the British strength has been further increased to 13,000 in Borneo, and still more troops are being sent from United Kingdom to the Far East. These forces include ground forces and paratroops, and more than 80 ships of the Royal Navy, including 3 air-craft carriers with the latest jets and helicopters aboard, guided-missile destroyers, one submarine division and also part of the nuclear-carrying V-bombers force.

This British force of 50,000 does not include the 30,000 troops together with a Territorial and Navy Reserve strength of 15,000 raised by the "Malaysian" government and another 30,000 officers and men of the Royal "Malaysian" Police Force. Nor does it include the 1,500 Australian and 750 New Zealand troops already in Malaysia, with possibly more to come.

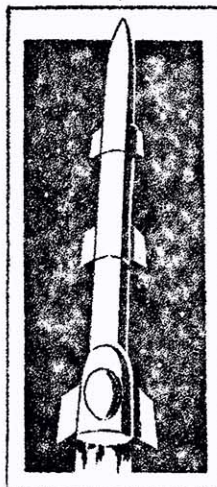
All this together adds up to nearly 130,000 troops, easily the greatest concentration of forces in the Far East since the Korean War. All the top brass of the British High Command, including the Imperial Chief-of-Staff and Army Ministers, etc have toured the Far East, making provocative and intimidatory speeches, boasting of British strength and striking power. This is therefore a highly significant concentration of British forces in the Far East.

We ask: "Why such a huge British military build-up in the Far East? For whose interests are they here? Whom are they supposed to protect? Against whom are they to be used? and Is it because Indonesia has withdrawn from the United Nation?"

#### ALL BECAUSE OF INDONESIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM the U.N.?

First let us debunk the propaganda line by which the British try to justify this huge build-up. On January 4th,

1965 Tun Razak, Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister, said that "Malaysia" has taken steps to defend herself against possible stepped-up aggression by Indonesia, in view of her withdrawal from the United Nations". Thus front-page publicity and all the greatest fanfare was given to the reported Indonesian build-up on the Borneo border which the British say has made it necessary to air-lift paratroops and other forces from Britain to the Far East, to hurry the air-craft carrier "Eagle" from Mombasa, and to fly V-bombers to Singapore and Darwin.



Thus all the press and radio propaganda was concentrated on creating the impression that the huge British build-up was necessary because of Indonesia's withdrawal from the United Nations. In other words, if Indonesia had remained in the U.N., so British propaganda would like us to believe, everything would have been alright and the British build-up would not have been necessary! But Indonesia has left the U.N., and everything is different! So runs the British propaganda line, and Britain is made out to be the gallant hero, and Indonesia the villain!!

#### THE FACTS

But what are the facts? The facts show that the so-called "prudent" reinforcement of British forces in Southeast Asia after Indonesia's withdrawal from the U.N.

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amounted to but a few thousand -sands of troops (although a few more thousand or even more may be on the way from Britian), and this is but a fraction of the total already concentrated in the Far East as announced by Harold Wilson before Indonesia's withdrawal from the U.N.! Thus the British build-up was not made after Indonesian withdrawal from the UN, but had already been going on long before Indonesia's decision to withdraw from the United Nations! The fact of Indonesia's withdrawal from UN has only been utilised by the British as an excuse to justify their huge build-up in the Far East which by now cannot be further concealed from eyes and ears of the people.

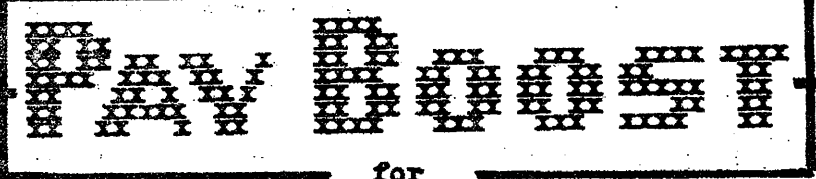
Moreover, President Sukarno gave the assurance that he would not start a war over "Malaysia". He said that Indonesia would strike back only if attacked. There is therefore no real justification of the so-called "prudent" reinforcements and huge concentration of British military forces in Southeast Asia. The withdrawal of Indonesia from the U.N. is used as excuse and justification by the British. But these excuses do not stand the test of scrutiny.

We can now deal with the more important question: WHY THEN THE BRITISH BUILD-UP IN THE FAR EAST? For whom and against whom are these forces to be used?

The first part concerns "Malaysia" and Southeast Asia which may be considered as a "British responsibility". The second part concerns International Imperialism which may be considered as part of the global strategy of U.S. imperialism.

#### IMPERIALIST PLOT CONCERNING "MALAYSIA"

As "Malaysia" has been imposed on the people, their opposition to "Malaysia" is increasing with



for

# HUME WORKERS

An agreement has been signed between the Hume Industries (Far East) Ltd. and our Union, which will give our members, the daily-rated and jagas of the Company, a nett salary increase totalling 650,000.00 dollars for the next three years.

This nett gain in income for the 650 workers for the next three years does not include overtime payment, bonus, increased out-put continuity bonus and the increased allowances.

Breaking it down, the workers each gets a 50-cent increase per day for the first year, 40 cents increase for the second year & another 30 cents increase for the third year.

Bonus payment will be 24 days' wages for each year, and the continuity out-put bonus has been increased from \$75.00 per year to \$100.00 each.

The night-shift allowance has been increased to \$1.50 each person per shift. However, those who attended work continuously for one complete week will

get instead \$2.00 allowance per shift per day.

The jagas, who are on a monthly salary, get an increase of \$10.00 a month effective on 1st January of each year. They are also granted seven months' back-pay on signing of the agreement.

Bonus payment for the jagas will be 1½ months' salary for each year.

Other benefits for these workers are improved annual leave, service benefits, out-station allowance and so forth.

each passing day, especially now that they know for experience that "Malaysia" means not happiness and prosperity, but more taxes, more unemployment, more hardships, racial disturbances, conscription and Asians fighting Asians.

Today "Malaysia" exists because it is propped up by British guns and British bayonets, and recent developments necessitating huge British reinforcements further testify to this fact. Already the Alliance Government leaders are appealing for help from the United States, from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the U.N. and of course from Britian, and the people are being forced to be conscripted as cannon-fodder - all in order to keep "Malaysia" to-

gether!, all further confirming that the resistance of the people to neo-colonial "Malaysia" is daily growing stronger and stronger.

As is well known, the imperialists and the reactionaries will not of themselves step down from the stage of history. As the liberation movement gains in momentum, history shows that the recalcitrant imperialists will invariably resort to more and more desperate measures in their futile attempts to hold down the irresistible advance of the masses. The British in Southeast Asia are characteristic recalcitrant imperialists, and they are making desperate but futile attempts to hold

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on to their vested interests in tin, rubber and oil in the region, by using more and more military forces to suppress the people.

However, the people are not so easily suppressed. With each passing day the freedom fighters are gaining more and more successes against the imperialist forces, their mercenaries and puppet troops. And in no small measure is because the freedom fighters are also receiving more and more aid from the people of Indonesia. Thus in spite of their vastly superior forces, the imperialists find it impossible to contain the advance of the freedom fighters, to say nothing of smashing them. HOT PURSUIT?? The imperialists naturally also try their usual tactics of bribery and deception, but as their two-faced tactics of bribery and ruthless suppression have both failed to smash the opposition of the people and the national liberation struggle, the imperialists are now thinking of more desperate measures. Evidence of this is found in all this talk of so-called "retaliatory" strikes, as have been carried out by the U.S. imperialists against North Vietnam and Laos. The imperialists and the Alliance Government leaders today openly go so far as to talk of taking "retaliatory" action against Indonesia under the so-called "rule of hot pursuit". As the Indonesian people cannot be expected to remain quiet when attacked, this talk of "hot-pursuit" can only mean that the imperialists in their hope of crushing opposition to "Malaysia" are thinking of resorting to the desperate measure of escalation of confrontation into open war!

#### BRITISH THREATS

We can now understand the reason for the fanfare of the British build-up in the Far East, the early despatch of the aircraft-

carrier "Eagle" and nuclear-carrying V-bombers, and the recent large scale air "exercise" carried out by the combined British, Australian and New Zealand air forces. All this is meant both to intimidate, threaten, blackmail and provoke the Indonesian people - to intimidate and blackmail Indonesia into accepting neo-colonialist "Malaysia" and into stopping active support for the national liberation struggle; to threaten imperialist promotion of counter-revolution and even open intervention in Indonesia when the time is opportune; to provoke incidents that would give excuse and justification for

immediate escalation of the war and aggression against Indonesian people!

Such then are the designs of the concentration of British forces in the Far East concerning "Malaysia". They are here not to defend the people but to protect imperialist interests. They are here not to give the people freedom and independence, but to further suppress and enslave the people. A London despatch has explained that "the accent on British defence policy east of Suez is to prevent any situation in S.E. Asia from degenerating into Congo-type chaos". This means in fact that British

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# LABOUR MINISTRY HAS NO SYMPATHY

In its circular to all leftwing trade unions for moral and financial assistance in its fight with Malay Film Productions Limited, the Industrial Workers' Union of Singapore stated: "As you all know the Labour Minister has no sympathy for our workers and therefore it is up to progressive trade union leaders to lead and help the workers to achieve better wages and working conditions".

With this short and terse statement, the I.W.U. hits at the truth and really exposes the hypocritical policy of the PAP Govt towards labour.

The I.W.U. have had followed a middle-of-the-road attitude in the industrial front, hoping to trust the government and state machineries in its struggle to better the lot of its members.

Now, it must have been a very bitter lesson to the Industrial Workers' Union to put their faith in the reactionary Government of the PAP.

This experience must necessarily bring home to the workers and their leaders that their salvation

## LEFTWING

— TO LEAD THE FIGHT —

does not depend on the patronisation of the Government and those in power, and that there is never such thing as "neutrality".

The workers' destiny, and for that the people's, lies with their own convictions and strength, and in these the leftwing movement is never found wanting.

Like the I.W.U., we are confident that sooner or later many more organisations and trade unions will identify themselves with the leftwing movement.

# VICTORY

## GREEN BUS WORKERS

The workers, employed by the Green Bus Company, indicated vehemently by secret ballot held by the Labour Department that their lot is with the leftwing movement. The history of the bus workers is one long and active struggle in the trade union movement.

Ever since the fight of the bus workers in the Hock Lee Bus Company in the early fifties against the then reactionary Govt. and their colonial masters, the bus workers are fully conscious and have accepted the leftwing movement as the only solution to the workers' problems and future.

The present reactionary PAP government are afraid of this spirit and consciousness of the bus workers, and since the de-registration of the Singapore Bus Workers' Union the PAP government and its PAP-sponsored organisations, the SMMWU and the NTUC, ruthlessly employed sinister schemes to split the workers in the Bus Companies in the State.

Through state machinery and judicial system the bus workers were arbitrarily prevented to join the Singapore Commercial House and Factory Employees Union.

The bus workers finally moved into the Industrial Workers' Union of Singapore rather than give

in to pressure from the government and its stooges.

Here also the workers in the bus companies were subjected to all forms of intimidation and threat to force them to join the PAP sponsored SMMWU, but the workers resisted. Finally, using the NTUC, PAP controlled organisation, a so-called independent union (Singapore Transport Workers Union).

Even this move failed to hook-wink the workers in the bus companies into joining the union.

Relentlessly, a secret ballot was conducted by the Labour Department for the workers in the Green Bus Company, and they gave strong and clear support to the I.W.U., an organisation with the leftwing.

Workers in several bus companies will soon be taking secret ballot and we are certain where their loyalties will be.

Those bus workers misled into joining the SMMWU will ultimately also identify themselves with the LEFT.

ly mobile task force. According to a British spokesman, the British military forces "can handle any critical situation in the Malaysia-Indonesia dispute". By this of course he means that the British forces can help deal with any situation in the whole of the Far East!

Prime Minister Harold Wilson to talk about British "responsibility on the defence of Southeast Asia". By this he meant not responsibility on the "Malaysia-Indonesia" issue alone. He meant also British responsibility concerning international imperialism under the command of the U.S. in the Far East! He had already openly spoken on January 8 of the "danger in Asia after Mao's nuclear blast". He regards the issue as "one of the most urgent problems on the international agenda for 1965", and he emphasizes Britain's "world role" especially east of Suez, in effect advocating a policy of containing China in support of the overall policy of U.S. global imperialism.

Lately, to please the imperialists, even local leaders in the Alliance Government also talk about China's support of Indonesian Confrontation and of China as the main danger behind Indonesia and as the "Number One Enemy"!

Ever since the Korean war, international imperialism has looked upon China as its main enemy and obstruction to its policy of imperialist world domination. In spite of a better-armed and better-equipped army with complete control of the sea and air, the so-called United Nations troops under the command of the U.S. imperialists had been forced by the not-so-well-armed and not-so-well-equipped Chinese and Korean armies (who moreover had no air cover or warships), to sign an armistice after more than 3 years of ruthless "limited" war.

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intends to suppress the national liberation struggles in her colonies and dependencies (e.g. Malaya and Borneo) and to prevent them from developing into an irretrievable situation, as seen in Cuba, Algeria, South Vietnam and the Congo.

However, all this is a British pipe-dream. The people's will to freedom cannot be suppressed, and no imperialist force can hold

the people down once they are united and determined to fight for victory. More violent attempts to suppress the people can only lead the imperialists to worse defeats. This has been proved by history. Victory must inevitably belong to the people.

### CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM

The British forces in Southeast Asia are a high-

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# JUKRI ARRESTED

## I.W.U. STATEMENT

The Industrial Workers Union of Singapore learnt with indignation that the reactionary Government has arbitrarily arrested and detained its Asst. General Secretary, Sdr. Jukri bin Parjo on January 27th.

We vehemently condemn this Government's action and demand his immediate and unconditional release.

This arrest, without charge and open trail by an impartial court, has further nailed the fact that we are now living under a fascist dictatorship. There is now absolutely no freedom of speech, thought, publication, organisation and even individual movement.

The Government is qualified for the mantle of Hitler and we warn them not to try to outshine this dictator. We must remind the authorities of Hitler's fate.

This statement was issued in the name of the I.W.U. by its General Secretary, Sdr. James Sch, on 28th January, 1965 to the press.

open imperialist intervention and aggression especially in countries close to China will no longer become profitable ventures as in the past.

In South Vietnam today, the U.S. position is deteriorating day by day in contrast to the position of the national liberation struggle which is improving hour by hour, and it is common knowledge that the U.S. cannot hope to win in South Vietnam. The U.S. can decide only on when to lose, and American leaders must freely admit this. Faced with this "lost" position, the U.S. is now desperately trying to escalate the war in the hope of retrieving an irretrievable position. But such escalation means that the U.S. will have to deal not only with the Vietnamese forces but also China, and this has been made abundantly clear on a number of occasions by the Chinese Government.

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International imperialism will not easily forget the fighting power of China, and its whole aim today is therefore to "contain" China, and to subvert her with counter-revolution. Hence the aggressive military alliance like the South East Asia Treaty Organisation (SEATO), Central Treaty Organisation (CENTO), Australia, New Zealand, United States Alliance (ANZUS), the string of military bases around and within striking distance of China, the patrol of the 7th Fleet off the coast of China, the frequent violation of China's territorial waters and air-space, the sending of Polaris-missile carrying submarines to Taiwan Straits, the propping up of puppet regimes in various countries and the active suppression of national liberation struggles in the Philippines, South Vietnam and Laos, Malaya and the Borneo Territories.

The successful explosion of the Chinese Atom Bomb in the middle of October 1964 has not only broken the nuclear monopoly and counteracted the nuclear blackmail of Western powers, and it has also very strongly boosted the spirit and morals of all freedom fighters in Asia, Africa and Latin America. In every country, those who love freedom and are struggling to defend their national integrity and sovereignty now have a much stronger and reliable stalwart in China, and

## U.S. FEARS CHINA

In pursuance of this mad venture, the U.S. has already announced that the South Vietnam puppet troops will be increased by another 100,000 making it a total of 660,000. Token forces from South Korea (2,000), from the Philippines (2,000) have also been announced, and more forces may be sent from Taiwan, Thailand and even India. In spite of all this, in spite of the presence of the US 7th Fleet and the Polaris nuclear submarines, the US still would want the British forces to be on the ready just in case, as China is no small power. The Americans have already been given a taste of Chinese fighting power, and they want to have more forces made available before the final decision to escalate the war.

This then is the reason, as yet announced, the real inside story as to why there is such a huge British build-up in the Far East. The British forces consist of more than 80 ships which are freely mobile. These ships and the V-bombers can easily go to the aid of the Americans should the US in desperation finally decide to escalate the war in South Vietnam and turn the "limited" non-nuclear war into a all-out nuclear holocaust against China and other progressive forces! And indications are that the Americans are already "quietly" escalating the war as is seen in the recent air-strike against Laos and North Vietnam.

## BRITAIN'S "WORLD-ROLE"

The British build-up in South-east Asia thus has a much wider uninternational significance. Though presently concerned with the suppression of the people in Malaya and Borneo, and with the intimidation and blackmail of the people of Indonesia, the British forces have been assembled in South-east Asia for its "world-role" in support of US imperialism, as a force to be kept in reserve and in ready

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-ness for ultimate use in aggressive attacks against the people of Vietnam, and Laos and China!!

This is the meaning of the "quick and sure response" which Wilson spoke about, a response which the British will make to a call for aid from the US against China! All this bluster about the so-called Indonesian threat is merely a cover, an eye-wash intended to mislead the people as to the real objective! This is further confirmed indirectly by British Army Minister Fred Mulley in London on January 21st, when he said that "there are Indonesian reinforcements on the Borneo border but they are not of enormous size". He said that "the reports of Indonesian build-up are exaggerated". Further, he was not at all convinced that the Indonesians really wanted to increase the level of confrontation. (Straits Times 22.1.65). Such is the diabolical plot of trying to smash China before she becomes more powerful, especially now that China has the Bomb!

**"MALAYSIA" - ROOT  
CAUSE OF CRISIS IN  
SOUTH-EAST ASIA**

Now we see the full meaning of the British build-up in the Far East and the danger these imperialist forces pose to the people in the whole region.

These troops brought in from far-away Britain vastly heighten the already existing tension and seriously threaten the uneasy "peace" in Southeast Asia. The danger is further increased by trigger-happy British top-brass who "believe that they have the means to destroy Indonesian air and sea power in two weeks or less, and their service chiefs are openly anxious to put their belief to the test". (Malayan Times 19.1.65).

All this merely goes to show that "Malaysia" is

indeed an instrument of imperialist aggression and war aimed at the heart of Southeast Asia. It serves only to protect British imperialist vested interests to the tune of more than \$3 billion, and it is a constant threat to world peace.

**-SHARPEN VIGILANCE-  
MUST NOT HELP IMPERIALIST  
PROPAGANDA**

We must exercise constant vigilance against deceptive imperialist propaganda intended to confuse and deceive the people and to side-track them from their struggles against oppression. It is extremely wrong to compare the British build-up in 1965 today which is for use against the people and the progressive forces, with the British build-up against the Japanese fascists in 1942. So let us all exercise sharp vigilance!



— RELEASED —

Our organisation committee member, Sdr. Goh Lam San, has been released by the Special Branch after arbitrarily detaining him for nearly five months.

Of course, the root cause of all the present crisis in Southeast Asia is "Malaysia". Those who thought that "Malaysia" would bring prosperity and those who want prosperity should now realise that "Malaysia" has brought the people more hardships! Those who thought that "Malaysia" would bring freedom and those who love freedom should now know that "Malaysia" is formed to further frustrate their hopes and aspirations for freedom and independence! Those who thought that "Malaysia" would bring stability, security and peace, and those who fervently want peace should now see that "Malaysia" has become a threat to world peace!

The present military build-up willy-nilly compels even those who are unwilling to see, to admit that this is so. Indeed so long as "Malaysia" exists, so long will there be hardships for the people, so long will the people be denied their basic right to determine their own future, and so long will there be constant danger of open war in Southeast Asia.

Faced with these compelling facts, our duties are clear. We must unite and exert our utmost efforts in our struggles against imperialism and neo-colonialist "Malaysia".

We must thoroughly expose the imperialist machinations, educate the masses on the real significance of the present build-up of the British forces in Southeast Asia, organise and mobilise the masses of people to demand for the withdrawal of all foreign troops for the liquidation of all foreign bases from the area, and for the restoration to the people of their basic democratic rights.

Only then can we hope to realise democracy, peace and prosperity in Malaya, Borneo and Southeast Asia.

**U.S. AND BRITISH IMPERIALISM - GET OUT OF ASIA**

**PROSCRIPT :**

1. STRAITS TIMES 2.2.65: Combined US-BRITISH exercise "Bus Stop" in South China Sea completed.

H.M.S. Aircraft carrier "Victorious", guided missile destroyer H.M.S. "Kent" and others joined the 7th Fleet.

Object was to exercise cooperation between ships of the 2 fleets in flying and anti-submarine operations.

2. Wilson in BBC 2.2.65 stressed the need to help other non-nuclear countries in Asia in view of Chinese Bomb!!

